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SUBJECT: FUGITIVES KILLED OR SURRENDERED AND OTHER VIOLENCE

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1. THE ETHIOPIAN PRESS OF OCTOBER 11 THROUGH 15 CONTINUE TO CARRY REPORTS OF FUGITIVES KILLED OR SURRENDERED. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS,

57 FUGITIVES WHO HAD BEEN HIDING IN BORENA AWRAJA, WOLLO REGION, GAVE THEMSELVES UP TO AUTHORITIES IN THE TOWN OF AJBAR ON THURSDAY, OCT.9.

THEY WERE GIVEN FULL AMNESTY AND TOLD TO JOIN LOCAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT 21 PERSONS HIDING IN TEMBEIN PROVINCE, TIGRE REGION, SURRENDERED TO ATO DESTA GASSASSE, ADMINISTRATOR OF TEMBEIN

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PROVINCE.

3. ACCORDING TO THE SAME REPORTS, SIX REBELS AND MANY ACCOMPLICES WERE KILLED OVER THE WEEKEND IN KUTABUR DISTRICT BY SECURITY FORCES AND FARMERS. FOUR OF THE SIX KILLED WERE KEGNAZMATCH ASSEFA TAREKEGN, FORMER ADMINISTRATOR OF WADLA-DELANTA PROVINCE, LT. WOSSEN YIMER, FORMER SUBDISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF FITA, WOREHIMENU PROVINCE, RETIRED SGT. ADANE HUNDE AND ATO YIMER BARENTO, BOTH FORMER LANDLORDS. ALSO, TWO OUTLAWS WERE TRACKED DOWN AND KILLED THERE SUNDAY.

4. OCTOBER 14 PRESS NOTED THAT THREE PERSONS WERE KILLED IN ASMARA ON SUNDAY BY ARMED BANDITS (CF. ASMARA 0872).

5. PRESS FURTHER STATED THAT THREE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND FORTY-ONE CAPTURED IN WOLLO PROVINCE ON TUESDAY, OCT. 14, BY LOCAL SECURITY OFFICERS. ON THE SAME DAY, 52 PERSONS IN DETENTION IN DESSIE WERE AMNESTIED BY LT. COL. GETAHUN IJIGA, CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF WOLLO.

6. EMBOFF EYEWITNESSES REPORT THAT THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL SMALL ARMS FIRE O/A 0130 HOURS LOCAL OCT. 12. NEAR MOD IN DOWNTOWN ADDIS. CAUSES REMAIN UNKNOWN AND ANSWERS WE RECEIVE TO OUR QUESTIONS ("STUDENT ROUND-UP") PATENTLY IMPLAUSIVE AT THAT HOUR OR SITE. SAME SOURCES ALSO REPORT THAT NAZARETH, SITE OF EGF'S ARMOR CENTER, WAS "BUTTONED UP" LAST SUNDAY VIA. THAT ACCESS TO TOWN WAS STRINGENTLY CONTROLLED BY ROAD BLOCKS. AGAIN, WE ARE STILL CHECKING POSSIBLE REASONS FOR THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS. DEBRE ZEIT WAS CALM.

7. STILL ON OCT. 12, WE HAVE CONFIRMED ADMISSION TO ADDIS POLICE HOSPITAL OF 40 "CRITICALLY WOUNDED" POLICE CAUSALITIES FROM GONDAR AREA.

8. PRESUMED ELF GUERRILLAS (CF. FBIS AMMAN 142222Z OCT 75) STRUCK AT TRAFFIC ON THE VITAL ASSAB ROAD OCTOBER 14, SOME 80 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE PORT. CASUALITIES RESULTING FROM THIS STRIKE ARE STILL UNKNOWN BUT SEVERAL VEHICLES, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE OR MORE TANKERS, WERE DESTROYED. THE DETAILS OF THIS ACTION AND ITS EFFECT ON VITAL PETROLEUM SUPPLIES WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY AS SOON AS THE FACTS BECOME AVAILABLE.
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